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February the 23<sup>d</sup>: 1696/7

The House mett According to adjournm<sup>t</sup>:/

Absent

Present

Present

Mr. Speaker

m<sup>r</sup>: Ralph Izard

Capt<sup>t</sup>: Job Howes

Capt<sup>t</sup>: Will: Davis

Capt<sup>t</sup>: Geo Rayner

m<sup>r</sup>: Robert Stevens

m<sup>r</sup>: W<sup>m</sup>— Canty—

m<sup>r</sup>: Gabrill Glaze

Capt<sup>t</sup>: John Clifford

Capt Tho: Broughton

m<sup>r</sup>: Ja Stanyarne

m<sup>r</sup>: John Stanyarne

Capt<sup>t</sup>: W<sup>m</sup>: Brockhust

m<sup>r</sup>: John Ladson

Capt: James Young

m<sup>r</sup>: William White

m<sup>r</sup>: James Witter

m<sup>r</sup>: Richard Baker

Mr: Ja Gilbertson—

m<sup>r</sup>: Joseph Ellicott,

m<sup>r</sup>: W<sup>m</sup>: Smith

Capt Edm<sup>d</sup>: Bellinger

m<sup>r</sup>: Dan: Courtise

m<sup>r</sup>: Jn<sup>o</sup>: Hamilton

m<sup>r</sup>: Jn<sup>o</sup>: Alexand<sup>r</sup>

m<sup>r</sup>: Hen LeNoble

m<sup>r</sup>: John: Morton

Dr Ja Williams

Capt<sup>t</sup>: Geo Dearsley

ffor Reasons Given to this house, for the Absence of Capt John Hamilton a member of this house, It is ordered that the s<sup>d</sup> Capt John Hamilton be Excused from from not attending the Service of this house/

Ordered That This House Enter into A Debate on Saturday Morning Next about Landgrave Thomas Smiths being Called from ye Service of this house, by a Writt from the upper house/

A Message from the upper house by Co<sup>ll</sup>: Thomas Cary and John Beresford Esq<sup>rs</sup> Desiring this House to wayte upon the upper house/

According to the s<sup>d</sup> message this House wayted upon the uper house./

The House Returned from the upper house/

And m<sup>r</sup>. Speaker Reports to the House, That y<sup>e</sup> Rt Hon<sup>ble</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> in his speech Did move to the House That they would Take into their Consideration The Great Abuses by Clipping and Defacing the Curr<sup>t</sup> Coyne of this P<sup>r</sup>vince 2<sup>dly</sup>— That he hath Great Complaynts from the officers of the Millitia, that the Souldiers in their Respective Divisssons Doe not make their Appeareance, which his hon<sup>r</sup>: Takes to be by Reason of the Smallness of the fines 3<sup>dly</sup>— That this house would Take into their Consideration The ffortification at Charles Towne:/ And that they would Consider what ffund of money is in the Treasures hand, and of a further Supply to Cary on the s<sup>d</sup> ffortification / 4<sup>thly</sup> That for the Better Strengthening and

uniting y<sup>e</sup>: Inhabittants of this Province They would Thinke of of Securing to all Aliens their Estates and Give them by an Act Such Encouragement as Shall be Thought Convenient/ 5<sup>thly</sup>— That This House would Consider what acts are Expired and fitt for Reviving and to Consider of Some acts that are w<sup>th</sup>out Limitation and of their being in force,

Ordered That Major: Thomas Broughton Cap<sup>t</sup> William Davis and Cap<sup>t</sup> John Clifford be a Comittee to prepare an Additionall Bill to the Militia Act/

Mr: Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourned The House Till Tomorrow morrow morning, Eight of the Clock /

ffebuary y<sup>e</sup>: 24<sup>th</sup> 169<sup>6</sup>/7

Wednesday in the morning The House mett according to adjournment/

ordered That The messenger of this house Doe at the Houre The House from Time to Time adjournes To, Tole The Greatt Bell, in the Church for halfe An Houre, and Every Member w<sup>ch</sup> doth not Attend the service of this house before The bell hath done Toleing Shall be fined 2<sup>s</sup>: 6<sup>d</sup>/

Ordered That Cap<sup>t</sup> Job Hows and Cap<sup>t</sup> George Rayno<sup>r</sup>— Doe wayte upon The Hono<sup>r</sup>ble: The Governo<sup>r</sup>— To know what Quantity of powder he hath pressed for the service of the Country and Make Report Thereof to this House/

Ordered That Cap<sup>t</sup> George Dearsley upon urgent occations have The Leave of this House to Depart the Service of the Same.

Ordered That Cap<sup>t</sup> Job Howes m<sup>r</sup>: Daniell Courtise m<sup>r</sup>: James Gilbertson m<sup>r</sup>: Robert Stevens & m<sup>r</sup> John Ladson be a Committee to Joyne w<sup>th</sup>: a Committe of the uper house to Debate that part of the Govern<sup>rs</sup>: Speech Relateing to alians, and Likewise to Debate of a Tollaration of Liberty of Consience

Ordered That m<sup>r</sup>: James Witter & m<sup>r</sup> James Stanyarne be a Comittee to prepare a bill for Regulateing Publick officers ffees—

The Question is putt whether an Act for Limetations and for Avoysing Sutes in Law Shall be Confirmed as it is, or be altded/ Caryed to be altded—

Mr: Speaker by Consent of the members Adjourned the House, Till Eight of the Clock in the forenoone, tomorrow

Thursday in The Morning The 25<sup>th</sup>: february

The House mett according to Adjournment/

The Committee appoynted to Joyne w<sup>th</sup> a Committee of the upper house, to Debate that part of the Govern<sup>rs</sup>— Speech Relateing to allians and Likewise to Debate of a Tolleration of Liberty of Consience/ Reports to the House as ffolloweth (vizt)

By the Comittee of Both Houses Resolved

That a Generall Act of Naturalization be prepared for all aliens y<sup>t</sup> have Petitioned Takeing the oath of alegiance & That their Lands be secured to them and their Children, & That all Aliens not petitioning now Resident if they Enter Their names in office w<sup>th</sup>in

Time and Take the oath of allegiance Shall Enjoy the Benifitt of the s<sup>d</sup> act

That such Care be Taken in The act to Provide Indifferent Jury men in all Causes Civill and Criminall That such persons Uncapable to Serve as Jury men be not Inserted in the Lyst

That care Likewise be Taken in The act for Regulateing The Ellections of members of Assembly That Such P<sup>rs</sup>ons as Canott speake English or otherwise uncapable may be Except<sup>ed</sup>—

That Liberty of Consience be Granted to all Except Roman Catholicks and That The Clause be Incerted in the act To putt in force the Severall acts in The Kingdome of England

The whole House agreed to the fforegoeing Resolution of the Committees,

Ordered That Cap<sup>t</sup> Job Hows and m<sup>r</sup>: Daniell Courtise be a Comittee to Joyne w<sup>th</sup>: a Comittee of the upper House to prepare a Bill Concerning allians and Tollaration of Liberty of Consience/

Ordered That The House Enter into a Debate Concerning The Indian Trade, on Tuesday Next

The House Adjourned Till 2 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in The after Noone/

In The afternoone The House mett According to Adjournm<sup>t</sup>—

M<sup>r</sup>: Speaker by Consent of the members Adjourned the House till Eight of the Clock to Morrow Morning/

ffryday y<sup>e</sup>: 26<sup>th</sup>: february In The Morning

The House mett according To Adjournment/

ordered That The Publick Treasurer Doe pay out of the Publick money To the R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> The Govern<sup>r</sup>— 44<sup>£</sup>: for fower Barrells of Powder Pressed by his Hono<sup>r</sup>— for the use of the Country And That

This ord<sup>r</sup>: be sent to the upper house for their Concurrence, And  
 That m<sup>r</sup>: Speaker signe The s<sup>d</sup> ord<sup>r</sup>/

Ordered That Cap<sup>t</sup> Job Job Hows Cap<sup>t</sup> George Raynor Cap<sup>t</sup> John  
 Clifford and m<sup>r</sup> James Witter: be A Committe To Joyne with a  
 Committe of the upper house to Consult w<sup>th</sup>. . S<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniell John-  
 son and The other Commission<sup>rs</sup> for Building The ffortt, about the  
 forme of the ffortification agreed upon by the s<sup>d</sup> Commission<sup>rs</sup>: and  
 w<sup>th</sup>. them to advise whether the s<sup>d</sup> forme be a Convenient Defence  
 for this place and Report the Same to this House/  
 M<sup>r</sup> Speaker Adjourned The House till 2 of the Clock in The after-  
 noone/

#### In The afternoone

The House mett according To adjournment  
 upon Reading a bill for uniteing of alians/  
 ordered That The s<sup>d</sup> Bill be Debated in this House on Tuesday next  
 in the afternoone/

The Committe appoynted to Joyne w<sup>th</sup> a Committe of y<sup>e</sup> upper  
 House To Consult w<sup>th</sup> S<sup>r</sup>= Nathaniell Johnson and the other Com-  
 missioners for Building the ffortt &c/ Reports to the house as  
 ffolloweth, That there be a ffortification in the place Assigned by  
 Act of Assembly, And that from the platt of the ffortification  
 allready made, The halfe moone be Taken away and That there be  
 no port Holes, butt the Gunns to play over the wall/  
 Ord<sup>rd</sup>: That the House Debate the matter of the Last mentiond  
 Reportt of The Committee Tomorrow, after the Debate Concerning  
 Landgrave Smith—  
 ord<sup>rd</sup>: That m<sup>r</sup> James Gilbertson a member of this House have  
 Leave to Goe home about Urgent Buisness and Attend y<sup>e</sup> Service  
 of this house on Tuesday next

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker by Consent adjourned the house Till Eight  
 of the Clock to morrow morning

Saturday y<sup>e</sup>: 27<sup>th</sup>: ffebruary in The Morning

The House mett according to adjournm<sup>t</sup>—

According To: The order for this day, The House Debated about  
 Landgrave Thomas Smith's being Called from The Service of This  
 House by a writt from y<sup>e</sup>: upper house, and ordered That The Same  
 be Debated againe in This House on Wednesday morning next/  
 According to the Ord<sup>r</sup>— of this day The House Debated y<sup>e</sup>: matter  
 of the Report of the Committe, appoynted to Joyne w<sup>th</sup>: a Committe

of the upper house to Consult w<sup>th</sup>: the Commission<sup>rs</sup>: appoynted for building y<sup>e</sup> ffortification

Resolved by The House That y<sup>e</sup> ffortification be not built according to the platt thereof allready Appoynted and that in the place there of There be made a Battrey—

Ordered y<sup>t</sup> That Cap<sup>t</sup> Job Howes m<sup>r</sup>: Daniell Courtise and m<sup>r</sup>—Robert Stevens doe wayte upon the upper house and Informe Them of the above Resolution and Desire their Concurance Thereto/

Ordered That m<sup>r</sup>: Gabrill Glaze, a member of this House have Leave to Goe home upon urgent Buisness and Attend the Service of this house againe on Tuesday next in the morning

ord<sup>rd</sup>: That Major Thomas Broughton a member of this House have Leave to Goe home upon urgent Buisness and Attend the service of this house on Tuesday next in the after noone/

A message from The upper house by Cap<sup>t</sup> James Moore & Cap<sup>t</sup> William Hawett acquainting this house That The upper House have Concurred with the Resolution of this House in making a Battrey in The place of the ffortification/

Order<sup>d</sup>: That Cap<sup>t</sup> Job Hows Cap<sup>t</sup> John Clifford m<sup>r</sup> James Witter and m<sup>r</sup> Daniell Courtise be a Committe to Joyne w<sup>th</sup>: a Comitte of the upper house and w<sup>th</sup>: Them to Call to their Assistance any other person or persons They shall thinke fitt and Advise & Consult of the forme of a Battrey to be made in The place of a fortification, and a Platt of the s<sup>d</sup> Battery to Lay downe in paper and Report y<sup>e</sup> Same to this house/

M<sup>r</sup>: Speaker by Consent of the members adjourned The House Till Munday Morning next/

Monday The first of March 1696/7 In The Morning y<sup>e</sup> house Mett According to adjournment/

Upon Heareing The peticons of Severall Inhabittants of this province Concerning y<sup>e</sup>: packers place. It is ordered y<sup>t</sup> the Debate of the s<sup>d</sup> Peticons be Referred Till the afternoone/

Upon Reading The Petition of William Bradly The Question is putt whether any part of his fforfeiture shall be Remitted or nott, Caryed To Remitt part part of his fforfeiture

The Question is putt whether this House shall Remitt William Bradley pylott one halfe of his fforfeiture or one Third,

(Caryed for a Third part,

Upon Reading The Humble Petition of William Bradly Pylott For Remitting The Judgment Recovered against him in the Co<sup>rt</sup> of

Please for one Hundred Pounds for The Breach of the act for the Entry of Vessells/

Ordered That one Third part of the s<sup>d</sup> fforfeiture being y<sup>e</sup>: Informers part, be Remitted him he paying the Charge in obteyning the s<sup>d</sup> Judgment And That this ord<sup>r</sup> be sent to the uper house for their Concurrence/ and That m<sup>r</sup> Speaker Signe the s<sup>d</sup> ord<sup>r</sup>

The above ord<sup>r</sup> is Assented to by the upper house, Jos Blake/  
By Consent of The House m<sup>r</sup>: Speaker adjourned The House Till Three of the Clock in The after noone/

In The afternoone The House Mett according To Adjournment/

A Bill to make Currant fforreigne Coyne and to Establish and Settle, The weight Thereof Read y<sup>e</sup> first Time and past w<sup>th</sup> amendments/

A Bill for Ascertaineing Publick officers ffees Read y<sup>e</sup> first Time and past w<sup>th</sup>: amendments/

The Question is putt Whether an act Shall be prepared agt The next session, for Regulateing the Tanning of Leather or nott/ Caryed in the negative/

The Question is putt whether John Beresford Esq<sup>r</sup>: or William Shaw Coop<sup>r</sup>., shall be on of the Packers of this province,

Caryed for William Shaw, to be one of the pack<sup>rs</sup>.

M<sup>r</sup>: Speaker by Consent of the members adjourned The House Till Tomorrow morning Eight a Clock/

In The Morning Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> of March 1696/7

The House mett according to Adjournment,

The Comittee apoynted to Joyne w<sup>th</sup>: a Comittee of the [break] to: Consult of y<sup>e</sup> forme of a Battrey to be made [break] place of a ffortification Reportt to the House as ffolloweth/

That they had agreed to ye forme of Battery and Laid Downe a Platt thereof which they presented to this House/

Ordered upon debate of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> fforme and platt thereof That The ffront Line of the s<sup>d</sup> Battery be Extended 20 ffeete soe y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Line Containe 120 ffeete in all And That The said Committe Draw a platt Accordingly and Call to their Assistance whome they shall thinke fitt and Lay out y<sup>e</sup> ground for the s<sup>d</sup> Battery/

According to The order of this day for a Debate Concerning y<sup>e</sup>: Indjan Trade/

Resolved by The House That the <sup>s<sup>d</sup></sup>: Trade be Regulated/ and y<sup>t</sup>:  
y<sup>e</sup> method of Regulateing y<sup>e</sup> same be Debated The next sessions/  
A Declaratory and additional Bill to Provide indifferent Jury men in  
all Causes Civill and Criminall

Read y<sup>e</sup> first Time and past w<sup>th</sup>: amendm<sup>ts</sup>:

A Declaratory and Repealeing Bill Read The first Time and past  
w<sup>th</sup> amendments,

A Bill to Supply y<sup>e</sup> Roome of members of the Commons House  
which by Death or other wise are incapable to attend y<sup>e</sup>: Service of  
the House, Read The first Time and past w<sup>th</sup>: amendm<sup>ts</sup>/

A Bill for Limitation of actions and for avoyding suites in Law  
Read y<sup>e</sup> first time and past with amendments

Mr: Speakeker by Consent of the members adjourned  
The House Till 3 of the Clock in y<sup>e</sup> afternoone/

In The afternoone The House mett according to Adjournment  
According to an order of this day for Debateing a Bill for uniteing  
of allians, &c/

Resolved by the House that the Same by Debated in this house to  
morrow morrow Morning

Mr: Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourned  
the House Till Eight of the Clock to morrow morn-  
ing/

Wednesday in The Morning. The 3<sup>d</sup> of March 1696/7

The House Mett according to adjournment

According To the ord<sup>r</sup> of this day The House Debated about  
L<sup>d</sup>grave Thomas Smith being Called from The service of this  
House, by a writt from the upper House/

Resolved by This House That The <sup>s<sup>d</sup></sup> Landgrave Thomas Smith  
being a member of this House Can not Legally be Called from the  
service of this House as Landgrave by a writt from The upper  
house, And that Cap<sup>t</sup> Job Hows m<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Stevens and Cap<sup>t</sup> John  
Clifford Doe Informe the upper house the <sup>s<sup>d</sup></sup> Resolution/

According to y<sup>e</sup> ord<sup>r</sup> of this day The matter about alians was  
debated/ and Resolved that the bill prepared Should be Read/

A Bill for Union of all protestants and makeing aliens ffree of this  
part of the province/

Read The first Time and past w<sup>th</sup> amendments

A Bill to make Currant fforeigne Coyne and to Establish and set-  
tling the weight Thereof &c. Read The second Time and past  
w<sup>th</sup>: amendments

A Bill to Regulate y<sup>e</sup> Ellections of y<sup>e</sup> members of Assembly  
 Read y<sup>e</sup>: first Time and past w<sup>th</sup>: amendm<sup>ts</sup>  
 M<sup>r</sup> Speaker by Consent of the member<sup>s</sup> [break] House till 2 in y<sup>e</sup>  
 afternoone/

Wednesday, March 3<sup>d</sup> 1696<sup>6</sup>/<sub>7</sub>

In The Afternoone The House Mett according To Adjournment,  
 The Question is putt whether the Speaker Shall Receive ffive shill-  
 ings ffee for all men named in the Act of uniteing aliens &c, or ffive  
 shillings ffee for all men that Receive benefitt of itt,/

Caryed That the Speaker Receive ffive shillings ffee  
 for all men that Receive Benefitt by the act — —

The Question is putt whether the Speakers ffee for any Private act  
 Shall be Incerted in The Table of ffees or nott

Caryed That the Speakers ffees be Incerted In The  
 Table of ffees

The Question is putt whether the Speakers ffee for a Private Act  
 Shall be ffive pound or Three Pound

Caryed for ffive Pound, for a Private Act

The Question is putt whether The House Shall Enter into a Debate  
 what is a Private act and what is nott/

Caryed nott to Enter into a Debate

M<sup>r</sup>., Speaker by Consent of the members Adjourned The House  
 Till To Morrow morning Eight of the Clock

Thursday in The Morning, March 4<sup>th</sup>: 1696/7 }

The House Mett according to adjournment

An Additionall Bill for The Better Settling and Regulateing of The  
 Millitia Read The, ffirst Time and past w<sup>th</sup>: amendm<sup>ts</sup>—

An Act for Limetation of actions and for a Voyding of Sutes in  
 Law, Read the Second Time and past/

Ordered That The Clerke Doe Ingrose, The act To make Currant  
 fforreigne Coyne, and To Establish & Settle The weight Thereof/

M<sup>r</sup>., Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourn'd  
 The House Till Two of The Clock in y<sup>e</sup> afternoone

In The after noone The House Mett according To Adjournmt.—  
 Ordered That The House Enter into a Debate Tomorrow Morning  
 Whether The Packers act be a Private act or not/

Ordered That M<sup>r</sup>., William Canty have Leave to Depart The  
 Service of this House his ffamily being Sick — — —



A Declaratory and Repealing Bill Read The Second Time and past,

A Bill for Regulateing The Election of members of Assembly Read The Second Time and past

A Bill to Settle The forme of Conveyance of Land Purchased or to be purchased Read The first Time and Past with amendments — —

A Bill for The Makeing Aliens free of this part of This Province and for Granting Liberty of Consience To all Protestants Read the Second Time and past/

Ordered That a bill for Limetation of Actions and for avoyding Sutes in Law, be Ingrosed by y<sup>e</sup> Clerke

Ordered That m<sup>r</sup>— John Stanyarne have Leave to Dep<sup>t</sup>. The Service of This House and Attend The service of The Same on Munday next,

M<sup>r</sup>., Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourned The House Till Tomorrow Morning Eight of the Clock—

fryday y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>: March in The morning

The House Mett according to adjournment

The Question is putt whether the Debate Concerning The Packers act Shall be Debated in the House or by a Comittee of the whole House/ Caryed for a Comittee of y<sup>e</sup> Whole House — —

The Whole House Resolved into a Grand Committee To Debate The matter Concerning the Packers act and m<sup>r</sup> Daniell Courtise Chosen Chaireman

M<sup>r</sup>: Speaker Reassumed The Chaire/

And m<sup>r</sup>., Chairman Reports to the House the Resolution of The Committee, as ffolloweth/

Resolved by The Committee That The Packers act, is a Private act/

The Question is Putt whether The House a Grees to the above Resolution of the Comittee or nott, Caryed That the House agrees To the Resolution of the Committee

A Bill To Settle the forme of Conveyances for the purchase of the Quit Rents of Land Patented at one peny ̄ acre Read The Second Time and past — —

An Additionall Bill for the Better Settling and Regulateing of the Millitia Read The Second Time & past,

Ordered That The Clerke Ingrosse The Bill To Regulate the Ellections of members of Assembly/

Mr= Speaker by Consent of the members adjourned  
y<sup>e</sup> House Till Two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in The afternoone—

In The Afternoone The House mett }  
according To Adjournment — — }

A Declaratory and Additionall Bill To Provide InDiffernt Jury men in all Causes Civill and Criminall Read The Second Time and Past

The Question is putt whether The officers ffees in their Severall Tables in the Late act of ffees Shall be Raised Proportionably to the Raiseing of money or nott/ Caryed in The negative,

Ordered That a Bill for The makeing Aliens ffree of This Part of This Province and for Granting Liberty of Consience To all Protestants be Ingrossed by The Clerke by the Clerke,

Ordered That a Bill to Settle y<sup>e</sup> forme of Conveyances for the Purchase of The Quitt Rent of Lands Patented at one penyey ʒ acree be Ingrosed by the Clerke—

Ord<sup>rd</sup>= That an Additionall Bill for the Better Settling and Regulateing of the Millitia be Ingrossed by y<sup>e</sup> Clerke/

Ordered That a Daclaratory and Aditionall Bill to Provide Indiffernt Jury men in all Causes Civill and Criminall be Ingrosed by the Clerke—

Ordered That A Declaratory and Repealeing bill be Ingrosed by the Clerke,

Mr Speaker by Consent of the members adjourned  
The House Till tomorrow morning Eight of the Clock

Saturday In The Morning, The 6<sup>th</sup>: March 1696/7

Resolved by The House That the fees by the Late act for obteyning a Grant for one Hund<sup>rd</sup> acres of Land or any Quantity Less Then one Hund<sup>rd</sup> acres is To Greate — —

Ordered That Cap<sup>t</sup> Job Howes m<sup>r</sup> Ralph Izard m<sup>r</sup> Daniell Courtise and Cap<sup>t</sup> Georg Raynor Doe Returne The Thankes of this House To the uper House for their Care in Indeavouring To Supress The Great abuse in Cliping The Coyne of this Province, And further Request them That they Would use their Endeavor in Prosicuteing the offenders Therein according To Law, And Likewise Request them That They would be pleased To Appoynt a Committee of their House To Joyne w<sup>th</sup> a Comitte of this House To Draw up a Bill for The Prevention Thereof/

Ordered That Cap<sup>t</sup> Job How, m<sup>r</sup>., Ralph Izard M<sup>r</sup>  
John Ladson m<sup>r</sup>., Daniell Courtise and m<sup>r</sup>., Robert  
Stevens be a Committee To Joyne w<sup>th</sup> a Committee  
of the uper House, to Prepare a Bill to Prevent The  
Great Abuses in Clipping of money/

M<sup>r</sup>-, Speaker by Consent of The members Adjourned the House  
Till Two of the Clock in The afternoone/

In The afternoone, The House mett according to adjournm<sup>t</sup>

A Bill to Establish Currant fforreigne Coyne and To  
Prevent The Clipping and Impareing thereof Read  
The first Time and past w<sup>th</sup> amendments

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker by Consent Adjourned The House Till Munday next at  
Two of the Clock in The afternoone/

Munday In The Afternoone, The 8<sup>th</sup> March 1696/7  
The House mett according To Adjournment  
The House adjourned Till Tomorrow morning Eight of the  
Clock — — —

Tuesday In The Morning The 9<sup>th</sup> March 1696/7  
The House Mett according To Adjournment

1 A Declaratory and Aditionall Act To Provide Indiferent Jury  
men in all Causes Civill and Criminall Read The Third Time and  
Past into a Law — — —

2 An Act To Regulate The Elections of The Members of Assem-  
bly Read The Third Time and Past into a Law/

3 An Act for The Makeing Aliens ffree of This part of This  
Province and for Granting Liberty of Consience To all Protestants

4 An Act for The Limetations of actions and for a Voyding of  
Sutes in Law, Read The Third Time & Past into a Law — — —

M<sup>r</sup>: Speaker by Consent of The membr<sup>rs</sup>— adjourned  
The House, Till Two of the Clock In The After-  
noone — —

In The Afternoone The House mett according To Adjournment — —

5 An Act to Settle The forme of Conveyances for The Purchase of  
The Quitt Rents of Land Patented at one peney 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> acre, Read The  
Third Time and past Into a Law — — —

6 A Declaratory and Repealeing act Read The Third Time and  
past into a Law, — —

7 An Act To make Currant fforreigne Coyne and to Establish and Settle The weight Thereof &c Read the Third Time and past into a Law — — —

8 An Additionall act for The Better Settling and Regulating of The Militia Read The Third Time and Past into a Law

Ordered That The Com<sup>rs</sup> for Building y<sup>e</sup> ffortefication Doe Cary on and Build The Battery According To a Platt Thereof Brought into This House, by The Committee appoynted by an ord<sup>r</sup> of this House The Seccond of march To Draw the Same And That This ord<sup>r</sup> be Sent to the uper House for Their Concurrence and that m<sup>r</sup> Speaker Signe The Same/

The above ord<sup>r</sup> was Assented To by The uper House and Signed by The R<sup>t</sup>: Hono<sup>ble</sup>: Jos Blake Governor

Ordered That m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Amory Publick Receiver Doe Soe Soone as it Can be had Buy or Press for the use of The Publick ffive barr<sup>ls</sup>: of ffine Gunn Powder not Exceeding the Price of Eleaven Pound The Barr<sup>l</sup>— And Two Thousand of Gunn fflints And the doe Deliver of the said Powder to each Captaine of Every Company in This Part of this Province halfe a pound of Powder, for Each man Listed in his Company and Take from Every Respective Capt<sup>t</sup>, A noate or Bill und<sup>r</sup> his hand to Pay The s<sup>d</sup> Publick Receiver for The use of The Publick The first Cost of The Powder Delivered him, And That this ord<sup>r</sup> be sent to y<sup>e</sup> uper House for Their Concurrence/

Ordered That Soe Soon as The Publick Receiver hath bought or Prest ffive Barrells of Powder That Every Capt<sup>t</sup>- of Every Respective Company Doe Receive from The said Publick Receiver Halfe a Pound of Powder for Each man Listed in his Company and y<sup>t</sup> he Deliver to each man in his Company halfe a Pound of Powder, The Person he Delivers the Same to paying him ffifteene pence for Each halfe Pound And That Every Respective Capt<sup>t</sup>, upon the Receipt of The Powder ffrom The Publick Receiver, Doe give him a note und<sup>r</sup> his hand to pay The said Receiver for the use of The Publick The first Cost of The Powder he Receives And That This ord<sup>r</sup> be sent to The upp<sup>r</sup>, House for their Concurrence

Upon Reading The Humble Petition of Will Bradley Vintner/  
Ordered That if The said William Bradley doe pay The Publick Receiver for The time being Sixteene Pounds Thirteene Shillings and fflower pence, w<sup>th</sup>in one month and Twenty ffive Pounds within

Six Months and Twenty five Pounds more within Twelve months from The date hereof That Then The said Receiver doe forbear Takeing out Execution upon The Judgment obteyned ag<sup>t</sup> him by Jonathan Amory Informant at the Last Court of Please— And that this Ord<sup>r</sup> be sent to the uper House for their Concurrence

Ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Amory Publick Receiver doe pay to m<sup>r</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Rawlings Vintner The Sume of Tenn Pounds ffive Shillings Ster<sup>ll</sup> being for Victualls and Drinke Supplied the Spanyards that Lately Came to this Governm<sup>t</sup>— to Conduct Severall of The English Nation Cast away upon fflorada Shoare, And That This ord<sup>r</sup> be Sent to The uper house for Their Concurrence

Ordered That m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Amory Publick Receiver doe Pay to m<sup>r</sup> ffra ffdling Tenn Pounds Ster<sup>ll</sup> being for Victualls and Drinke and other accomodations suplyed The Indjans That Came w<sup>th</sup> the Spanyards That Conducted to this Place, Severall men of the English Nation Cast away upon fflorada Shoare, And That This ord<sup>r</sup> be Sent to the uper house for their Concurrence

Ordered That The messenger of this House Doe Give notice to Landgrave Thomas Smith a member of This House That he doe Attend The Service of this House The first Setting of this assembly after This Session/

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourned  
The House Till Eight of the Clock tomorrow morning/

Wednesday Morning The 10<sup>th</sup>: March 1696/7

The House Mett according To Adjournment,

Whereas by an act Entituled An act for y<sup>e</sup> Raiseing of a publick Store of Powder for The Defence of this Province The Gunner is Commanded to fire Three Gunns to Every Vessell firing ffive or any Quantity a bove. Butt Considering the Small Quantity of Powder there is in Store, it is hereby ordained And the Gunner is Likewise Commanded to Give one Gunn and noe More to any Vessell arriveing here and Saluteing This port — —

And That This ord<sup>r</sup>— be sent to the uper House for Their Concurrence/

Ord<sup>rd</sup>: That m<sup>r</sup>— Speaker Signe the Seaven ord<sup>rs</sup>.  
aforesaid/

The above ord<sup>rs</sup> was Assented to by The uper House and Signed by The R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> The Governo<sup>r</sup>/

Ordered That m<sup>r</sup> Speaker p<sup>r</sup>sent to the uper House The ffollowing acts for Their Ratification (Vizt)

1 An Act to make Currant fforreigne Coyne and To Establish and Settle The weight Thereof/

2 An Additionall act for The better Settling and Regulateing of The Millitia/

3 A Declaratory and Repealeing Act — — —

4 An Act for makeing Aliens free of This part of this Province and for Granting Liberty of Consience To all Protestants/

5 A Declaratory and Additionall Act To Provide Indifferent Jury men in all Causes Civill and Criminall

6 An Act for Limetations of actions and for a Voyding of Sutes in Law — — — —

7 An Act To Regulate The Elections of memb<sup>rs</sup>: of Assembly

8 An Act To Settle The forme of Conveyances for the Purchase of y<sup>e</sup> Quitt Rents of Land Patented at one peney ʒ (acre)

The above acts of Assembly were Ratified in open assembly by The R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>r</sup>ble Jos Blake Prop<sup>r</sup>., and Governo<sup>r</sup>/ and the Lords Proprietors Deputyes The 10<sup>th</sup>: day of March 1696/7/

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourned  
The House Till the Second wednstday in November  
next — — —

Wednesday

Novemb<sup>r</sup>: the 10<sup>th</sup> 1697/

The House Mett according to Adjournment.

M<sup>r</sup>: Speaker by Consent of the Members Adjourned the House Till Eight of the Clock Tomorrow Morning

Thursday in The Morning The 11<sup>th</sup>: of Novemb<sup>r</sup>/ 1697

The House Mett according to Adjournment,

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker by Consent of the Members Adjourned The House Till Three of the Clock in the afternoone/

In The Afternoone The House Mett according to adjournment.

Present	Cap <sup>t</sup> Tho: Smith
M <sup>r</sup> : Speaker	m <sup>r</sup> ., Joseph Ellicott
m <sup>r</sup> : Ralph Izard	m <sup>r</sup> ., John Stanyarne
Cap <sup>t</sup> Job How	m <sup>r</sup> ., Gabrill Glaze
m <sup>r</sup> : Rob <sup>t</sup> : Stevens	m <sup>r</sup> ., W <sup>m</sup> ., White
m <sup>r</sup> ., Jn <sup>o</sup> : Ladson	Cap <sup>t</sup> ., W <sup>m</sup> : Davis.
Major <sup>r</sup> : Tho: Broughton	
m <sup>r</sup> : W <sup>m</sup> : Smith	
m <sup>r</sup> ., John Hamilton	
Cap <sup>t</sup> Georg Raynor	
Cap <sup>t</sup> W <sup>m</sup> — Brockhust	

Whereas The Rt: Hon<sup>orable</sup> = The Govern<sup>r</sup>: hath Recommended To the Consideration of this House The Disbursments on the Late Expedition to S<sup>t</sup>: Augustine in the Sloope Rebecca, To Bring frome Thence Divers Runaway Slaves, The whole Amounting To the sume of one Hundred Thirty eight pounds nineteene shillings and Three pence Three farthings/

Ordered That m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Amory Publick Receiver doe pay out of the Publick money The s<sup>d</sup> Sume of one hundred Thirty Eight pound nineteene Shillings and Three pence Three farthings To the Severall P<sup>ersons</sup> to Whome the same is Due according to the acco<sup>t</sup> of Disbursments Rendered to this House and that this ord<sup>r</sup> be Sent to the uper house for Their Concurrence,

ord<sup>r</sup><sup>d</sup>: That m<sup>r</sup> Speake<sup>r</sup> signe y<sup>e</sup> Above ord<sup>r</sup>/

M<sup>r</sup>: Speaker by Consent of the Memb<sup>rs</sup>— adjourned the House Till Eight of the Clock to Morrow Morning./

ffryday In The Morning The: 12<sup>th</sup>: Novemb<sup>r</sup>. —  
The House Mett according To Adjournment—

M<sup>r</sup>: Speaker by Consent Adjourned The House Till  
2 of the Clock in the afternoone/

In The afternoone The House Mett according To  
adjournm<sup>t</sup>

Whereas m<sup>r</sup>: Gabrill Glaze Bricklayr, had Three Slaves Run away  
To S<sup>t</sup>: Augustine which were brought back in the Sloope Rebecca  
and by The Govern<sup>r</sup> and Councill Committed to the Marshall and  
Condemned to Guelit according to an act of Assembly Entituled An  
Act for The better ordering of Slaves By which Guelding one of the  
s<sup>d</sup> Slaves named Cyras Dyed, And in Consideration That the s<sup>d</sup>  
negro was a Bricklayer by Trade, and that the s<sup>d</sup> Gabrill Glaze was  
at an Extraordinary Charge in Mainteyning s<sup>d</sup> Three Slaves in  
Prison and other Extraordinary Expences/

Ord<sup>rd</sup>: That m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Amory Publick receiver doe pay unto the  
s<sup>d</sup> Gabrill Glaze, or his Assignes Thee Sume of Sixty ffive Dollars  
over and above what is Appoynted to be paid him by The Directions  
of y<sup>e</sup> above mentioned act And That This ord<sup>r</sup>. be sent to the upper  
house for Their Concurrance/ And That m<sup>r</sup>: Speaker Signe the s<sup>d</sup>  
ord<sup>r</sup>/

The above ord<sup>r</sup> was assented to by the uper House/

Novemb<sup>r</sup>., 12<sup>th</sup> 1697

Ordered That y<sup>e</sup> Publick Receiver doe pay out of the Publick  
Money To Thomas Rose Clerke of The Assembly for his cost in  
Pen Inke Paper and personall Attendance for and upon The Publick  
from The fifth day of December Last past To this Day The Sume  
of Sixty Dollars— And That This ord<sup>r</sup>— be Sent to the uper House  
for y<sup>r</sup>— Concurrance, And That m<sup>r</sup> Speaker Signe The same—

The Above ord<sup>r</sup> Assented to by The up<sup>r</sup> House,

Ordered That The Publick Receiver Doe pay out of the Public  
Money To m<sup>r</sup>., ffrancis ffdling Messenger of this Assembly for his  
House Roome fire Candle and personall Attendance for and upon  
The Publick from y<sup>e</sup> fifth Day of December Last past To this Day  
the Sume of Thirty Dollars And That This ord<sup>r</sup> be sent to the upper  
house for Their Concurrance, And That M<sup>r</sup>— Speaker Signe the  
said ord<sup>r</sup>/

The Above ord<sup>r</sup> Assented to by the upper House

Ordered That The Publick Receiver Doe pay out of the Publick  
Money To m<sup>r</sup>., ffrancis ffdling Messenger of this Assembly for his



House Roome fire Candle and personall Attendance for and upon The Publick from y<sup>e</sup> fifth Day of December Last past To this Day the Sume of Thirty Dollarrs And That this ord<sup>r</sup> be sent to the upper house for Their Concurrence, And That M<sup>r</sup>— Speaker Signe the said ord<sup>r</sup>/

The Above ord<sup>r</sup> Assented to by the upper House

Upon Heareing the Humble Petition of Cap<sup>t</sup> Burnibee Bull This day Read in The House/

Ordered That The Publick Receiver Doe pay out of y<sup>e</sup> Publick Money To Cap<sup>t</sup> Burnibee Bull or his Assignes The full and Just sume of fforty Dollars And that This ord<sup>r</sup> be sent to the upper House for their Concurrence and that m<sup>r</sup> Speaker Signe The same— The Above ord<sup>r</sup> Assented to by the upper House/

According To An ord<sup>r</sup> of this House, The Publick Receiver Brought into the House, his Acco<sup>ts</sup>: Which were this Day Audited by the House and allowed — —

Ordered That The Clerke of This House Doe Enter a Copy of The Above ord<sup>r</sup>— In The Receivers Booke of acco<sup>ts</sup>: and Signe The Same — —/

Upon The motion of m<sup>r</sup> Robert Stevens a mem<sup>br</sup>: of this House That ffive Indjans of the Soo:kay— Two of the Ya:hee:wee, And Three of the Sax:a:pax haveing murthered his son in his Journey to Virginia,/

Ordered That Cap<sup>t</sup> Job: Hows, m<sup>r</sup> Ralph Izard & m<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Steven Doe Address, The Governo<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup>: the Rest of The members of y<sup>e</sup> upper House, That The Governo<sup>r</sup>— Doe ord<sup>r</sup> and Comand The Essaws to Deliver up Those Indjans That Murthered Robert Stevens, into the Hands of this Governm<sup>t</sup>— To Be Proceeded against as the Hainous and Murtherous fact Shall Deserve—

Reported That the Governo<sup>r</sup>— would take that Care y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup>— reputation of this Collony should not be prejudiced and That the Essaus were ordered to be downe in a months Time, And if they would not Take That Care to Deliver up The Murtherers he should p<sup>r</sup>ceed against them Soe as the Reputation of the English should not bee Injured/

M<sup>r</sup>: Speaker by Consent of The Memb<sup>rs</sup>: Adjourned  
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